

Upon graduating from the University of Michigan, Captain Bushaw attended Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. He was commissioned as an ensign May 14, 1971, receiving the award of Distinguished Naval Graduate.

While on active duty, Captain Bushaw served as the Gunnery Officer aboard the U.S.S. *Joseph Strauss*. From January of 1972 until August of that same year he participated in several combat operations in Vietnam, including Operation Freedom Train, Operation Linebacker and Operation Notification Line. During these operations, U.S.S. *Joseph Strauss* fired over 15,000 rounds of ammunition, earning the Navy Unit Citation. Captain Bushaw himself earned the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V and the Combat Action Award.

Following active duty Captain Bushaw transferred to the selected reserve. As a drilling reservist, he served as Commanding Officer of three Navy reserve units and Executive Officer of two other units. For his efforts, he received a Navy Commendation Medal.

Captain Bushaw currently serves as the Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer to the Governor of the State of Michigan, representing the United States Navy in all issues of emergency preparedness. He recently received the State Legion of Merit award from the Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard.

I applaud Captain Bushaw on nearly thirty years of extraordinary service to our Nation. I know that the United States Navy will greatly miss his leadership, as will the many men he has commanded. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I thank Captain William James Bushaw for his service, and wish him the best of luck in retirement.●

IN TRIBUTE TO FRANCIS BROWN

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Mainer and one of the most outstanding individuals I have had the good fortune to know, Francis Brown of Calais, ME.

There are many rewarding aspects to public service, not the least of which is the opportunity to meet people like Francis Brown. It has been my privilege to call Francis a friend for more than two decades now, and I know the people of Downeast Maine share my high regard and deepest respect for this devoted family man who has given so much of himself to the community and state he loves.

Francis is a leading citizen of Calais. He exemplifies the kind of values and ideals we frequently associate with those small towns throughout the country where neighbors still help neighbors, and where service to others is the standard by which a man or woman is measured. Indeed, for

Francis, the concept of service is one indelibly woven through the fabric of his life.

As a student at the University of Maine, my alma mater, Francis spent four years in the ROTC program, and went on to serve in World War Two as a Radar Officer and in Korea as a member of the military police. Having more than fulfilled his duty to his country, Francis nevertheless later volunteered as an Army reservist with the Maine Army National Guard from 1946 until 1967, when he retired with the rank of Major.

When he was not serving his country in the armed forces, Francis was working on behalf of his fellow Mainers not only in his law practice but as a long-time and well-respected city solicitor. As is typical of his nature, however, Francis was not content to allow his efforts in the practice of law alone—significant as they were—define his commitment to the community.

Giving generously of his time and talents, Francis has touched many lives and has made an indelible and positive mark on his beloved Washington County and the State of Maine. He was a member of the Advisory Committee to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court on Criminal Rules of procedure for thirteen years. A long-time active and integral member of the Calais Rotary Club, he earned distinction as a Paul Harris Fellow in 1976.

Emblematic of his commitment to and interest in education, Francis brought his tremendous wealth of knowledge and experience to his service on the University of Maine Board of Trustees for more than a decade. And as a man whose faith has always been central to his life, he has served his beloved United Methodist Church in Calais as a trustee for many years.

Not surprisingly, Francis has been recognized with many awards over the years, including the Arlo T. Bates Award for Outstanding Community Service from the Calais Chamber of Commerce, the prestigious Jefferson Public Service Award, and the University of Maine Presidential Achievement Award.

And just as predictably, Francis has never been very impressed by all the recognition and adulation. For him, good deeds are always to be done for their own sake. Acts of kindness are made because that is simply the proper way to live one's life, not because they may bring personal glorification. Indeed, Francis is one of the most genuinely decent and humble people I have known.

Most of all, he is quite simply a wonderful person to be around. I would dare say there was never a person who has met Francis who does not like Francis. His generous spirit could warm even the coldest Maine day, and his humor could shine good cheer into the darkest of times. How thankful we

are for such gifts as those he has so selflessly given to us.

Today, it is our turn to return the favor. With Francis having fallen ill in recent times, the hearts of many go out to him as do our prayers. It is not likely that any of us will be able to fully repay the debt of gratitude we feel to this beloved friend, neighbor, and fellow Mainer. But we certainly feel compelled to try.

The great American author Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived—this is to have succeeded." By that measure, Francis Brown is unquestionably one of the most successful people I know, and I want him to know that I am proud to call him a friend.●

THE 150TH BIRTHDAY OF ST. CLEMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CENTER LINE, MICHIGAN

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize St. Clement Catholic Church in Center Line, Michigan, which will celebrate 150 years of service to the Warren and Center Line communities with an anniversary mass on October 15, 2000. The story of St. Clement is one of continual adaptation and growth, but through it all the spirit that existed in 1850 remains today, for the church has never stayed from its original purpose of teaching the timeless lessons of faith and love.

The perfect illustration of how important St. Clement is to the Warren and Center Line communities can be seen in how many times it has been forced to be reconstructed. In 1857, a school was added to the church. After expansions to the original building in 1868 and 1879, the growing size of the congregation forced a new building to be constructed in 1880. In 1922, a new school had to be built to accommodate the growing number of students, and, ultimately, another school was constructed anew in 1953. In May of 1960, ground broke on the present church building. It is an extraordinary piece of architecture, a Cruciform-shaped structure with a 65 foot high vaulted ceiling, gables that form a cross, hundreds of stain-glassed panes, a main altar of imported marble, a seating capacity of over 1,600 worshippers and two cry rooms.

An essential part of the success of St. Clement Church has been its leadership. From 1868–1890, Father William Hendrix guided the growing church to the point where it had firmly established its presence as the center of social activity in the Warren and Center Line communities. From 1890–1929, Father John Kramer's devotion to improving education was essential not only to having the new school be built, but also to filling it with nearly 400 students. Father Alexander Mayer guided the parish through the Depression, World War II and the Korean War,